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CLERK: Madam President, I do. I have a certificate from the Secretary of State's Office regarding the current roster of the Nebraska Legislature for its convening of the Second Session, Ninety-Third Legislature.

Madam President, I have a series of appointment letters and resignation letters, a resignation letter from Senator Kurt A. Hohenstein, an appointment letter from the Governor appointing Leo Patrick Engel as his replacement and the oath of office as attested to by Senator Engel. I have a resignation letter from Speaker Dennis Baack, an appointment letter and an oath of office of Senator Gerald D. Matzke as his replacement. And finally, Madam President, I have a resignation letter from Senator Thomas Horgan accompanying with an appointment letter from the Governor of James P. Momen as his successor as well as the accompanying oath of office. That is all that I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you. We will now proceed with the election of the Speaker. The Chair recognizes Senator Hall for a motion.

SENATOR HALL: Madam President, I would move that the body would now proceed to the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We will proceed to a voice vote. All those in favor of moving forward with the election of the Speaker, please indicate so by saying aye. All those, same sign. Motion is carried. The floor is now open for nominations. The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body, I wish to place my name, George Coordsen, in nomination for the position of Speaker of the Legislature for the balance of the remaining session. I don't have a flowery prepared speech. The only thing I can offer you is what I've offered the body and the body has offered me in return for the last number of years, that is the policy of fairness and equity for each member without regard to their geographic location of their legislative district, nor their years of service in the Legislature, would have any influence on absolute fair and impartial treatment of all members. We are facing a short session, a session that is going to be filled with many very important issues. I would say to you one thing, finally, that any personal agenda that I might have is exactly that and would